

REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to continuing examination of the application. Claims 4, 7, 8, 13, 19, 22, and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 16, 24 and 25 have been amended to recite aspects of the invention. Applicants submit that the new claim does not introduce new matter.

Applicants believe that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed. Specifically, Applicants submit that the cited references (*Veditz et al.*, U.S. Pat. No. 6,496,793 in view of *Watanabe et al.*, U.S. Pat. No. 6,185,729) do not render the claims, as amended obvious. In particular, the cited references do not disclose the method recited by claim 1 for "determining an appropriate character set for use in client-server communications" that includes "selecting a character set for a client request made by client to a server using a network communication protocol," where the selecting comprises:

associating the request character set designation with a first code-set converter designation, wherein the first code-set converter designation is contained in a lookup table and is mapped in the lookup table with the character set assigned to the request character set designation, and wherein a first code-set converter corresponding to the first code-set converter designation maps characters of the request character set designation to corresponding characters of the first code-set converter designation while processing the request;

or disclose the recited step of "selecting a response character set for a server response from the server to the client," where the selecting comprises:

associating the response character set designation with a second code-set converter designation, wherein the second code-set converter designation is contained in the lookup table and is mapped in the lookup table with the character set assigned to the response character set designation, and wherein a second code-set converter corresponding to the second code-set converter designation maps characters of the response character set designation to corresponding characters of the second code-set converter designation while processing the response.

Independent claims 12 and 16 recite a similar limitation.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. Early notice to this

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effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

If the Examiner believes any issues remain that prevent this application from going to issue, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact Gero McClellan, attorney of record, at (336) 643-3065, to discuss strategies for moving prosecution forward toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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